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SUBJECT: MARCONA - DUTCH INTEREST IN PERUVIAN ORE

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1. DUTCH EMBASSY OFFICER HAS INFORMED US THAT GON REMINS
OPPOSED TO PURCHASE OF PERUVIAN IRON ORE PRIOR TO SETTLEMENT
BETWEEN PARTIES INVOLVED. DUTCH DIPLOMAT SAID THAT ONE
DUTCH FIRM HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST TO THE PERUVIANS IN
PURCHASING PERUVIAN ORE FOR A THIRD PARTY OUTSIDE OF THE
NETHERLANDS, AND HE PRESUMED THAT THIS DUTCH FIRM MAY BE ONE
TO WHICH PERUVIAN MINES MINISTER GEN. LA VERA MADE REFERENCE
UPON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON(FEFTEL).

2. DIPLOMAT SAID THAT MINEROPERU COMMERCIAL HAS MADE SEVERAL
DIRECT INQUIRIES TO OTHER DUTCH FIRMS ABOUT POTENTIAL
PURCHASES, BUT DUTCH FIRMS HAVE NOT REPLIED AND APPARENTLY
HAVE NO INTENTION OF DOING SO. HE EXPLAINED THAT DUTCH
SMELTERS HAVE EXCESS STOCKS AT PRESENT AND HAVE NO
INTEREST IN BUYING FURTHER ORE.

3. COMMENT: DUTCH EBASSY HERE IS AWARE OF POTENTIAL
PROBLEMS WHICH COULD ARISE FROM FAILURE TO REACH SETTLEMENT
OF THE MARCONA ISSUE, AND WE BELIEVE IS REFLECTING
DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEWS ACCURATELY IN REGARD TO
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MARCONA SITUATION. OF COURSE, AS NOTED BY DUTCH EMBASSY

OFFICER, GON HAS NO CONTROL OVER PRIVATE DUTCH FIRMS,
SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A SMALL SALE OF ORE VIA A DUTCH
FIRM TO THIRD PARTIES COULD BE REACHED.

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